

APPLICATION FOR POLITICAL PRACTICES POST, LETTER OF INTEREST

TO: CANDIDATE SELECTION COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 16, 2010
POSITION: INVESTIGATES AND HELPS PROSECUTE VIOLATIONS OF
ELECTION AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS

I am pleased to email my Letter of Interest for the above position. Right up front selection committee members should know that I am a registered Republican. In addition, I was the newly selected Executive Director of the Montana State Republican party who served only three weeks this past January. In my opinion, the Party really needed an office manager so I decided that it was best for me not to continue.

My qualifications for the Political Practices Post are:

1. Presidential Political Appointee for President Reagan. I was the Executive Director of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (NCESGR). NCESGR was a Department of Defense Agency and I ran the entire program. This included speaking on behalf of President Reagan on Guard and Reserve issues throughout America and elsewhere. I was the chief architect of the current law concerning employer issues for members of the Guard and Reserve. Montana has a state committee of the ESGR program.
2. As a Marine Corps LTCOL, I was a Legislative/Legal officer at Headquarters Marine Corps in Washington, DC. In total I had approximately 21 different attorneys working for me. One of them is currently a federal judge in Arkansas (Judge Harry Barnes, a Democrat). I retired as a Marine Corps officer after 29 years. My time included being a young LT in Vietnam.
3. From 1997 through 2008 I was an Adjunct Faculty member at San Bernardino Valley College. I taught the US Constitution and US government. In the ratings of the adjunct faculty I was rated number 1. It was an honor and privilege to teach the Constitution. I currently speak at community organizations on the subject of the US Constitution and US government.
4. In 1980 I was elected as the Ravalli County Superintendent of Schools, Ravalli County, MT. I was in that position for over a year and then I was called back on active duty to Washington, DC with the Marine Corps.
5. In 1984 I ran and won the Republican Primary for the US House of Representatives in MT District #1. Pat Williams was the incumbent, and he was re-elected. I have not talked with Pat about my application for this position but committee members are certainly welcome to ask Pat about me.
6. After leaving the Reagan Administration I returned to Minnesota where my folks lived. In 1996 I ran for the US Senate in MN and finished third out of 8 candidates in the Republican Caucus. My theme for the campaign was "Character does Count."

Respectfully, Gary K. Carlson
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Fox, Susan

From: Gary Carlson [garycarlson11@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2012 8:56 AM
To: Fox, Susan
Subject: Carlson/COPP

Good morning Susan:

I was not sure you were still at the capitol as I have been communicating with Patti Keebler. As soon as Gallik resigned I emailed the Governor. Patti Keebler replied and re-instated my previous package as I was still interested in the position.

When I read the article this morning about 4 people applying I noticed my name was missing. I contacted Patti. She confirmed my package was with her but added that I could also contact you about re-establishing my application. I believe both Senator Peterson and Representative Milburn will be making recommendations this coming week.

Therefore, please re-establish my previous application. Let me know if you have any difficulties in doing that. If I have to resubmit I will do so, but hopefully I won't have to.

Have a great day Susan. Nice to communicate with you again.

Gary

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From: Gary Carlson [garycarlson@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 1:33 PM
To: Fox, Susan
Subject: Letter of Interest/Political Practices Post
Attachments: Political Practices Letter of Interest.doc

Candidate Selection Committee:

Attached is my "Letter of Interest" for the position of Political Practices Post. My phone number is 406-961-5113. My physical address is 1283 Rhonda Lane, Victor, MT 59875 and my mailing address is PO Box 937, Corvallis, MT 59828. I also have a fax number which is 406-961-5130.

Respectfully,

Gary K. Carlson